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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

SIR:

Attached hereto is Form PTO-1449 listing documents believed relevant to the subject application. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these documents and an initialed copy of the form be returned to the undersigned.

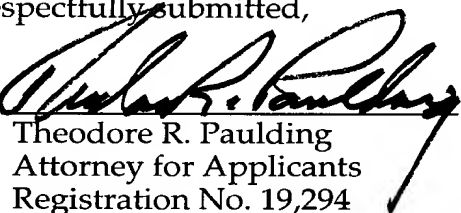
This disclosure statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 (a) exists. In addition, the cited documents are not necessarily analogous art.

It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98 and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures § 609. If for some reason, the Examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the Applicants' representative be called so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

Since no action on the merits has issued in this application, Applicants believe no fee is due for filing this Information Disclosure Statement. If it is determined that a fee is required, please charge deposit account no. 13-0235.

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